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PANAMA FOR GAO TUCKER, LAB

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF ENERGY'S ROLE IN U.S.-MEXICAN  
RELATIONS

1. DEPARTMENT WAS ADVISED BY GAO EARLIER THIS YEAR OF  
SUBJECT REVIEW FOCUSING ON THE ENERGY INTERDEPENDENCE OF  
VARIOUS NATIONS INCLUDING MEXICO, CANADA, AND INDONESIA.  
GAO STAFF HAVE AND ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION PREPARATORY TO VISITING ALL THREE COUNTRIES.  
GAO WISHES TO VISIT MEXICO CITY BEGINNING JUNE 26 FOR ABOUT  
4 WEEKS, DATES OF VISIT ARE SUBJECT TO POSTS' CONCURRENCE.

2. FIELD WORK WOULD BE PERFORMED BY THREE-MAN STAFF WITH  
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JOHN VANDE SAND, GAO/WASHINGTON IN CHARGE SUPPORTED BY TWO  
STAFF MEMBERS FROM GAO'S PANAMA OFFICE. SUPERVISORY VISITS  
WOULD BE MADE BY PHILIP THIBEAU, PROJECT MANAGER, AND  
JAMES KURIHARA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AT SOME POINT DURING  
THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE FIELD WORK WOULD BE TO EXPLORE ISSUES

INVOLVED IN MEXICO'S DESIRE TO MAXIMIZE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND THE UNITED STATES' INTEREST IN OBTAINING INCREASED SUPPLIES FROM MEXICO. BY MEETING WITH OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ENERGY AND RELATED MATTERS, GAO BELIEVES IT CAN PROVIDE THE CONGRESS A BALANCED REPORT OF U.S. AND MEXICAN VIEWS ON PRESENT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR INCREASING MEXICO'S OIL AND GAS OUTPUT. A SIMILAR REPORT ON U.S.-SAUDI ARABIA ENERGY RELATIONS WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED. COPIES OF THIS REPORT BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY TO PROVIDE POST A PERSPECTIVE ON GAO'S APPROACH TO THESE COUNTRY REVIEWS.

4. WHILE INCOUNTRY, GAO TEAM WISHES TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO OFFICIALS:

PEMEX: DIRECTOR GENERAL  
SUB DIRECTOR PRODUCCION PRIMARIA  
SUB DIRECTOR PRODUCCION INDUSTRIAL  
SUB DIRECTOR COMMERCIAL  
SUB DIRECTOR FINANZAS

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
SECRETARY OF PLANNING AND BUDGET  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
UNDER SECRETARY OF RESOURCES AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
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OFFICIAL MAYOR SECRETARIAT OF LABOR  
DIRECTOR-IN CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS  
RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
SECRETARY OF HACIENDA  
GOVERNOR, BAJA, CALIFORNIA  
MEXICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE  
PETROLEUM WORKERS UNION

GAO BELIEVES THEIR REPORT ON SAUDI ARABIA WAS ENHANCED BY THE WILLINGNESS OF A BROAD RANGE OF SAUDI OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH THEM. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY AND EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

5. THE TEAM ALSO WISHES TO CONTACT U.S. AND MEXICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS. GAO ADVISES THAT CONTACTS TO DATE WITH MAJOR U.S. OIL COMPANIES, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, CONSTRUCTION FIRMS, AND GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES INDICATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS TYPE OF GAO REVIEW. ALSO, ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE IDENTIFIED DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT.

6. DETAILS OF TEAM MEMBERS' ARRIVAL DATE AND TIMES,  
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND SECURITY CLEARANCE ON MEMBERS  
TO BE NAMED WOULD BE CABLED WHEN KNOWN.  
DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MESSRS. VANDE SAND, THIBEAU AND  
KURIHARA HAVE TOP SECRET CLEARANCE.

7. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO  
THE GAO AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE  
GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS  
THAT SHOULD ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT, PAR-  
TICULARLY REGARDING GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF  
DEPARTMENT FILES OR DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE  
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8. EMBASSY'S VIEWS REQUESTED CONCERNING ADVISIBILITY OF  
GAO REVIEW AT THIS TIME AND FEASIBILITY OF INTERVIEWS  
DESIRED.

9. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, THE GAO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
THE NAME OF THE EMBASSY OFFICER WHO WILL SERVE AS PROJECT  
OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT. VANCE

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